

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHNNY RAY YOUNGBLOOD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood in recognition of his spiritual leadership and contributions to the community. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood is without a doubt, one of the leading theologians of his time. His commitment to the call of spiritual healing, racial parity, social justice and economic equity for all people has garnered him national recognition as a preacher, national leader, public advocate, motivator, writer and teacher. Now in his 30th year serving as senior pastor of St. Paul Community Baptist Church and 3rd year as senior pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, both located in Brooklyn, New York, he has completed more than a quarter of a century pastoring to God's people.

In May of 1990, Youngblood received his Doctorate of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, where he studied with an elite group of preachers from across the country as a Samuel D. Proctor Fellow. Dr. Youngblood earned his Masters of Divinity degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York, and his bachelor's degree from Dillard University in New Orleans. Dr. Youngblood is now single and a father of three sons, Joel Ray, Jason Royce and Johnny Jenell, and the grandfather of Donny Lynn, Joshua, Jalen and Jordyn.

Dr. Youngblood has earned national recognition because of his work with East Brooklyn Congregations (EBC), an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation. He is credited through EBC with spearheading the Nehemiah Housing project, which to date has constructed approximately 2,850 owner-occupied single family homes in some of the most devastated communities in Brooklyn. He has served as national spokesman for the group and in 1990, was recognized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for his trailblazing work with the project. Dr. Youngblood is a subject of the Harper Collins book, "Upon This Rock: The Miracles of a Black Church," written by Samuel G. Freedman. In 1996, Youngblood and the ministry of the St. Paul Community were featured in an article entitled "Crossing Border" in the premiere edition of Common Quest magazine. In December of 1995, Dr. Youngblood was also listed in The New Yorker magazine as one of the "ten most influential" New Yorkers. He has been profiled on ABC's 20/20, NBC Nightly News, CBS Sunday Morning News, FOX 5's McCreary Live Report, and the Charlie Rose Show.

In September 1995, Dr. Youngblood launched what has become one of the premier projects on the Church's annual calendar, now known as the commemoration of the Maafa. Dr. Youngblood is spearheading a national effort to promote the Maafa as a spiritual move-

ment aimed at healing this Nation around the scars of slavery. Since 1998, the St. Paul Community has toured "The Maafa Suite" production to venues including Dallas, Mississippi, Seattle, Atlanta, Chicago and Connecticut.

In June of 1998, Dr. Youngblood released his own book of poetry entitled, "I Honor My Father"; a collection of poems inspired by the illness and loss of his father in the same year.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Youngblood has dedicated his life to helping people through his spiritual leadership, public advocacy and civic participation. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

TRIBUTE TO CMSGT EDDIE E. CHITWOOD

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to retiring Chief Master Sergeant Eddie E. Chitwood, the Chief Enlisted Manager of the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base, for his service to our Nation.

CMSgt Chitwood's time in the USAF has been marked with many accomplishments through the years. He has excelled both in his 16 years as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician and in his 11 years in the field of Airlift Aerospace Maintenance. He attended both the Airman Leadership School at Luke Air Force Base and the Tactical Airlift Command NCO Academy, earning the title of Distinguished Graduate from each. During his time at Whiteman Air Force Base he received many other distinctions including: the Operations Group Warfighter Award, a 509th Bomb Wing SNCO of the Quarter, and the 509th Bomb Wing 1999 Lance P. Sijan Award for Leadership. His popularity and leadership have been clearly reflected by his election to the post of Whiteman Top Three Enlisted Organization president in 2001 and Whiteman Chief's Group Vice-President.

As CMSgt Chitwood and his wife Elizabeth prepare to spend more time volunteering and serving on various community organizations, I know the Members of the House will join me in expressing appreciation for his dedication and service to our great Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the rea-

son I missed rollcall votes Nos. 276–278 on June 22, 2004. These were suspension votes H. Res. 591—expressing the sense that a month should be designated Community Banking Month, H.R. 4363—Helping Hands for Homeownership Act of 2004, and H. Res. 660—Congratulating Randy Johnson on his perfect game. At the time these votes were called, my flight from my Congressional District to Washington, DC was diverted due to weather and I was thereby delayed en route to Washington, DC.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted rollcall vote No. 276, expressing the sense that a month should be designated Community Banking Month,—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 277, on Prostate Cancer Awareness, "aye"; rollcall vote No. 277, on Helping Hands for Homeownership Act of 2004, "aye"; and rollcall vote No. 278, Congratulating Randy Johnson on his perfect game, "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, June 21, 2004, the House had votes on H. Res. 591, H.R. 4363, H. Res. 660. On House rollcall votes Nos. 276, 277 and 278, I was out of the country. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CWO4 JACKIE L. KARSTEN

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, those who serve in our armed forces show great dedication to and pride in our country. These people often make personal sacrifices during their service to perform their duties. Therefore, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the service of Chief Warrant Officer—4, Jackie Karsten.

Chief Warrant Officer Karsten retired on May 1st after 30 years of service. She later celebrated her retirement at a formal ceremony the 22nd of May.

Mr. Speaker, people who show allegiance and devotion to our country through military service are remarkable individuals. Jackie is one of those individuals. I commend her for her 30 year career with the U.S. Navy and wish her all the best in all her future endeavors, and throughout her retirement.

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